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A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR KAREN BASS



KAREN BASS
MAYOR
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Dear Friends,

While February marks Black History Month, we know that there is no American history without Black history.

The immeasurable contributions of Black America continue to this day, from City Halls across the nation, to the halls of Congress, to corporate boardrooms, to grassroots activists fighting to hold America accountable to its promise of equality for all.

In every corner of our city, Black Angelenos have helped to shape the look, sound, and feel of Los Angeles, all the way back to our city's founding.

As the first Black woman to have the privilege of serving as Mayor of Los Angeles, I take special pride in joining all Angelenos in celebrating African American Heritage Month.

I hope you will use this calendar and cultural guide created by our Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) to learn about the many exciting activities, both virtual and in-person, happening this month.

I offer you all my best wishes for memorable celebrations, and for the recognition of the contributions made by African Americans this month and every month.

Sincerely,

Karen Bass
MAYOR
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Please enjoy the many diverse in-person and online African American Heritage Month celebrations, events, resources, and activities collected here to engage, educate, and entertain!

This publication's events are produced by the Los Angeles region's diverse arts, events, and cultural organizations. The Department of Cultural Affairs assumes no responsibility or liability for postponed or canceled events or programming published in this Guide. Please contact the event organizer or venue prior to attending.

CHILDREN & TEEN ACTIVITIES

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THE PRINCESS AND THE FROG

This animated musical was inspired by E. D. Baker's book *The Frog Princess*—a reimagining of the Brothers Grimm classic *The Frog Prince*—and moves the story to 1920s New Orleans. The film features Disney's first Black princess, Tiana.

WHEN: February 1, 11:00 a.m.
SITE: Academy Museum of Motion Pictures, 6067 Wilshire Blvd., LA
COST: \$5
SPONSOR: Academy Museum of Motion Pictures
INFO: academymuseum.org/en/programs/series/family-matinees

MUSIC OF ZIMBABWE WITH MASANGA MARIMBA

Come learn about Shona Mbira, an ancient Zimbabwean instrument. Those who attend will learn a welcome song and play with the Masanga Marimba ensemble.

WHEN: February 1, 3:30 p.m.
SITE: Granada Hills Branch Library, 10640 Petit Ave., Granada Hills
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Granada Hills Branch Library
INFO: lapl.org/branches/granada-hills

FEELING THE SPIRIT OF THE DRUM: DRUM CIRCLE WITH ROBERTO "KONGAKID" GUTIERREZ

Come feel the spirit of the drum with an interactive and spirit-lifting drum circle for all ages. Learn about West African and Cuban drums, and various percussion instruments.

WHEN: February 4, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
SITE: Sylmar Branch Library, 14561 Polk St., Sylmar
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Sylmar Branch Library
INFO: lapl.org/branches/sylmar

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH CRAFTS: ALMA THOMAS

Celebrate Black History Month and the artistry of Alma Thomas by making a colorful, stamped heart.

WHEN: February 5, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
SITE: Angeles Mesa Branch Library, 2700 W. 52nd St., LA
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Angeles Mesa Branch Library
INFO: lapl.org/branches/angeles-mesa

MARCUS MILLER'S DRUMS

An interactive drum workshop, focusing on the importance of drums in our society, past and present. Come play a percussive instrument. The goal is to learn more about each other and our cultures through the experience of drumming.

WHEN: February 6, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
SITE: Vernon - Leon H. Washington Jr. Memorial Branch Library, 4504 S. Central Ave., LA
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Vernon - Leon H. Washington Jr. Memorial Branch Library
INFO: lapl.org/branches/vernon

CHESS CLUB

Do you play chess? Are you interested in learning? Then, join Stephen and Avi every Friday afternoon to learn and play chess.

WHEN: February 7, every Friday, 3:00 p.m.
SITE: Memorial Branch Library, 4625 W. Olympic Blvd., LA
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Memorial Branch Library
INFO: lapl.org/whats-on/events/chess-club

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AFRICAN TRADE BEADS WORKSHOP

Join Danli Bayne for her African Trade Beads workshop to create your own jewelry and learn about the significance and use of these beads. For ages 5 - 12.

WHEN: February 7, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
SITE: Gardena Mayme Dear Library, 1731 W. Gardena Blvd., Gardena
COST: Free, register at the website
SPONSOR: Gardena Mayme Dear Library
INFO: visit.lacountylibrary.org/event/12436557

TALKING DRUMS WITH INA, THE SUNSHINE STORYTELLER

Gather around our story circle for folktales and songs from Libya, Ghana, and Tanzania. Play your shaker and leg drums as we celebrate together. For ages 5 - 12 with adult.

WHEN: February 8, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
SITE: San Gabriel Library, 500 S. Del Mar Ave., San Gabriel
COST: Free, Register in advance at the website
SPONSOR: San Gabriel Library
INFO: visit.lacountylibrary.org/event/11752771

MOON MAN - VICTOR J. GLOVER, JR. AND ARTEMIS II

Southern California native Victor J. Glover, Jr., will pilot a spaceship around the moon in 2025 as part of the Artemis II mission. At this event, which will include special guests and activities, learn more about this extraordinary African American astronaut, the moon, and more.

WHEN: February 18, 3:00 p.m.
SITE: Alma Reaves Woods - Watts Branch Library, 10205 Compton Ave., LA
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Watts Branch Library
INFO: lapl.org/branches/watts

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FAMILY ARTS AND CRAFTS

Join this family arts and craft workshop. Participants will create a paper quilt inspired by the work of Faith Ringgold.

WHEN: February 20, 4:00 p.m.
SITE: Westchester - Loyola Village Branch Library, 7114 W. Manchester Ave., LA
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Westchester - Loyola Village Branch Library
INFO: lapl.org/branches/westchester

AFRICAN AMERICAN ARCHITECTS OF LOS ANGELES

Learn about the African American architects who helped shape mid-century LA. This workshop includes the works of Paul R. Williams, who helped design the Theme Building at LAX; Robert Kennard, who started the oldest Black-owned and operated firm in Los Angeles; and Norma Sklarek, who worked on several projects including Santa Monica Place and the U.S. Embassy in Japan. Teens will try to recreate these buildings using LEGOs. For ages 12 -18.

WHEN: February 20, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
SITE: Rivera Library, 7828 S. Serapis Ave., Pico Rivera
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Rivera Library
INFO: visit.lacountylibrary.org/event/12156783

SLIME!

Special guest Ciji Davis will be our slime guru. You will be able to create gooeey amazingness!

WHEN: February 25, 3:00 p.m.
SITE: Alma Reaves Woods - Watts Branch Library, 10205 Compton Ave., LA
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Alma Reaves Woods - Watts Branch Library, Library Foundation of Los Angeles
INFO: lapl.org/branches/watts

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CHA WA

Cha Wa offers a euphoric celebration of New Orleans' rich heritage. With songs that resonate with the ongoing fight for liberation. Their music invites you to experience the unstoppable energy of New Orleans. School matinee concert, grades 4-8.

- WHEN:** February 28, 10:45 a.m.
SITE: The Nimoy, 1262 Westwood Blvd., LA
COST: Free; RSVP at the website
SPONSOR: Center for the Art of Performance UCLA
INFO: cap.ucla.edu/event/design-sharing-cha-wa

INUA ELLAMS

Award-winning poet and playwright Inua Ellams shares his chaotic, audience-led poetry event. Prompted by audience suggestions, Ellams will instantly search through his archive of work and perform a reactive and spontaneous selection. School matinee performance, grades 6 and up.

- WHEN:** March 7, 10:45 a.m.
SITE: The Nimoy, 1262 Westwood Blvd., LA
COST: Free, RSVP at the website
SPONSOR: Center for the Art of Performance UCLA
INFO: cap.ucla.edu/calendar

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EVICTIION RESPONSE WORKSHOP

This in-person workshop will guide you through an online resource that helps tenants create an answer (a legal response) that raises the defenses they might have against the eviction. All attendees must bring their Summons and Complaint-Unlawful Detainer to the workshop. Tenants can get one-on-one assistance in both English and Spanish.

- WHEN:** Tuesdays, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
SITE: Vernon - Leon H. Washington Jr. Memorial Branch Library,
4504 S. Central Ave., LA
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Vernon - Leon H. Washington Jr. Memorial Branch Library
INFO: lapl.org/branches/vernon

BASIC COMPUTER CLASS

Learn and practice basic computer skills, such as using the mouse, typing, browsing the Internet, using email, and more.

- WHEN:** February 4, every other Tuesday, at 3:00 p.m.
SITE: Vernon - Leon H. Washington Jr. Memorial Branch Library,
4504 S. Central Ave., LA
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Vernon - Leon H. Washington Jr. Memorial Branch Library
INFO: lapl.org/branches/vernon

FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION & FILING

Free income tax preparation and filing services through the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program. Please visit the website to find out what documents to bring on the day of your visit.

- WHEN:** February 8, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
SITE: Los Angeles Central Library - Meeting Room A, 630 W. 5th St., LA
COST: Free. RSVP by email, appointments only at business@lapl.org
SPONSOR: Los Angeles Central Library
INFO: lapl.org/branches/central-library

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DESIGN PATENT SEARCH BASICS

Learn all about design patents and how to research design patents with our Patents Librarian.

- WHEN:** February 11 and March 4, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
SITE: Los Angeles Central Library - Meeting Room A, 630 W. 5th St., LA
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Los Angeles Central Library
INFO: lapl.org/branches/central-library

ARROYO WRITING GROUP

Writers, of any level, are invited to join our writing group to practice writing short pieces and sharing their writing with others. Each month, we will engage with a different writing prompt, preparing our own short work and bring it to share at our meeting.

- WHEN:** February 20, every third Thursday of the month, 6:00 p.m.
SITE: Arroyo Seco Regional Branch Library, 6145 N. Figueroa St., LA
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Arroyo Seco Regional Branch Library
INFO: lapl.org/branches/arroyo-seco

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT: MAGGIE BAIRD, BRYANT TERRY & ALICE WATERS

Award-winning chefs and activists Bryant Terry and Alice Waters in conversation about climate activism grounded in a plant-based diet. Joining them is the founder of Support+Feed, Maggie Baird, who is committed to mitigating climate change and increasing food security by driving global demand, acceptance, and accessibility.

WHEN: Ongoing
SITE: Online at Hammer Channel
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Hammer Museum, Cosponsored with LULU and Support+Feed
INFO: channel.hammer.ucla.edu/video/1913/food-for-thought-maggie-baird-bryant-terry-alice-waters

AFRICAN AMERICAN AND BLACK HISTORY MONTH: CULINARY TRADITIONS

Food nourishes the body and helps tell people's stories. Explore the rich culinary traditions of Black Americans through cookbooks and capture your culinary story using the recipe card template.

WHEN: Ongoing
SITE: Online at Los Angeles County Library
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Los Angeles County Library
INFO: youtube.com/watch?v=cAR0L9tFmX4

CRENSHAW FARMERS MARKET

Every Saturday, the market features regional farmers, food, and artisan vendors. This is a time to explore the art and food of our global community.

WHEN: February 1, First Saturday of the month, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
SITE: Crenshaw and Slauson, 5730 Crenshaw Blvd., LA
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Food Access Los Angeles
INFO: foodaccessla.org/crenshaw-farmers-market

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CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY WITH FOOD

Celebrating food can promote healthy eating habits and highlight the importance of wellness within the community. Chef Cheryl Tate reminds us that preparing and enjoying traditional dishes is a way to honor our resilience.

- WHEN:** February 20, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
SITE: Willowbrook Senior Center, 12915 Jarvis Ave, LA
COST: Free, RSVP at 310.772.9196
SPONSOR: LA South Hope Foundation
INFO: ad.lacounty.gov/services/community-and-senior-centers/willowbrook-senior-center

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OSCAR SUNDAYS® GET OUT

Meeting his white girlfriend's parents is way more terrifying than Chris Washington (Daniel Kaluuya) could have ever imagined in this witty, metaphorical horror film. *Get Out* single-handedly established popular comedy writer-performer Jordan Peele as an A-list genre filmmaker known for horror stories.

WHEN: February 2, 7:30 p.m.
SITE: Academy Museum of Motion Pictures, 6067 Wilshire Blvd., LA
COST: \$10
SPONSOR: Academy Museum of Motion Pictures
INFO: academymuseum.org/en/programs/series/oscar-sundays

THE PAN AFRICAN FILM & ARTS FESTIVAL

America's largest and most prestigious Black film festival. The event showcases many Black creative works worldwide, highlighting those that reinforce positive images and help destroy negative stereotypes. In-person and virtual screenings. Check the website for ticket and time information.

WHEN: February 4 - 17, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
SITE: Culver Theatre, 9500 Culver Blvd., Culver City
COST: Check website for more information
SPONSOR: The Pan African Film & Arts Festival
INFO: paff.org

THE GREAT YES, THE GREAT NO

A journey that mixes history with fiction, augments reality, and an allegory of all past and present forced expeditions.

WHEN: February 5 - 8, 7:30 p.m.
SITE: Bram Goldsmith Theater at the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts, 9390 N. Santa Monica Blvd., Beverly Hills
COST: Check the website for ticket price
SPONSOR: The Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts
INFO: thewallis.org/season2425

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OSCAR SUNDAYS® JUDAS AND THE BLACK MESSIAH

To avoid criminal charges, Bill O'Neal accepts a plea deal from the FBI to become an informant. In this compelling thriller based on historical accounts, O'Neal infiltrates the Illinois chapter of the Black Panther Party, who the FBI targets as a radical threat.

WHEN: February 9, 7:30 p.m.
SITE: Academy Museum of Motion Pictures, 6067 Wilshire Blvd., LA
COST: \$10
SPONSOR: Academy Museum of Motion Pictures
INFO: academymuseum.org/en/programs/series/oscar-sundays

MOVIE MONDAY: THE INSPECTION

A screening of the film *The Inspection*. A young, gay Black man, rejected by his mother and with few options, decides to join the Marines. But even as he battles deep-seated prejudice and the grueling routines of basic training, he finds unexpected camaraderie, strength, and support. For adults ages 18 and up.

WHEN: February 10, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
SITE: West Hollywood Library, 625 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood
COST: Free. Register at the website
SPONSOR: West Hollywood Library
INFO: visit.lacountylibrary.org/event/12240148

FRIDAY FILMS: AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION

Poetic Justice is an Oscar-nominated movie from 1993, it features a stellar cast, including Janet Jackson in the lead role as hairdresser Justice on a road trip from South Central L.A. to Oakland. The cast also includes Tupac Shakur, Regina King, and Maya Angelou.

WHEN: February 14, 2:00 p.m.
SITE: Little Tokyo Branch Library, 203 S. Los Angeles St., LA
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Little Tokyo Branch Library
INFO: lapl.org/branches/little-tokyo

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WORLD CINEMA SERIES: IO CAPITANO

A Homeric fairy tale that tells the adventurous journey of two young boys, Seydou and Moussa, who leave Dakar to reach Europe. They journey from West Africa to Italy. However, between their dreams and reality lies a labyrinth of checkpoints, the Sahara Desert, and the vast waters of the Mediterranean.

WHEN: February 15, 1:00 p.m.
SITE: Los Angeles Central Library - Meeting Room A, 630 W. 5th St., LA
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Los Angeles Central Library
INFO: lapl.org/branches/central-library

THE MATRIX IN DOLBY VISION

This film envisions a dystopian future where humans are trapped in a virtual reality simulation while AI machines harvest their bodies for energy. Cyberpunk themes blend with stylistic elements from anime and Hong Kong action cinema as computer hacker Neo and a group of rebels fight against the machines to free humankind.

WHEN: February 15, 7:30 p.m.
SITE: Academy Museum of Motion Pictures, 6067 Wilshire Blvd., LA
COST: \$5-\$10
SPONSORS: Academy Museum of Motion Pictures; and, Richard Roth Foundation
INFO: academymuseum.org/en/programs/series/cyberpunk-film-series

FILM CLUB - SELMA

Join the library for a chronicle of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s campaign to secure equal voting rights via an epic march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, in 1965.

WHEN: February 18, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
SITE: East Los Angeles Library, 4837 E. 3rd St., LA
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Los Amigos of East Los Angeles Library
INFO: visit.lacountylibrary.org/event/12125425

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DOCUMENTARY - TULSA: THE FIRE AND FORGOTTEN

A showing of the PBS documentary *Tulsa: The Fire and the Forgotten*. On the one-hundredth anniversary of the crime, learn about the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre and how the community of Tulsa is coming to terms with its past, present, and future.

WHEN: February 19, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
SITE: Rivera Library, 7828 S. Serapis Ave., Pico Rivera
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Rivera Library
INFO: visit.lacountylibrary.org/event/12155237

NEWFILMMAKERS LOS ANGELES MONTHLY FILM FESTIVAL | INFOCUS: BLACK CINEMA

NewFilmmakers Los Angeles (NFMLA) hosts its February Monthly Film Festival and annual InFocus: Black Cinema program, spotlighting Black stories and emerging Black talent in front of and behind the camera.

WHEN: February 22, 2:00 - 10:30 p.m.
SITE: South Park Center, 1139 S. Hill St., LA
COST: \$10 - \$30
SPONSOR: NewFilmmakers Los Angeles
INFO: newfilmmakersla.com/events/event

MELANATED MOVIE NIGHT: THINK LIKE A MAN

For one reason or another, friends Dominic, Jeremy, Michael, and Zeke can't seem to seal the deal with the women in their lives. When their lovely ladies buy a book by comic Steve Harvey and apply its advice to their relationships, this band of brothers gets all shaken up.

WHEN: February 22, 3:00 - 5:30 p.m.
SITE: Black Resource Center, 150 E. El Segundo Blvd., LA
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Friends of AC Bilbrew & Woodcrest Libraries
INFO: visit.lacountylibrary.org/event/11946280

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OSCAR SUNDAYS® THE HOLDOVERS

A heartwarming Christmas comedy set in a New England boarding school during the 1970s. An unpopular professor is assigned to supervise a small group of students who have nowhere to go during the holidays. Together, they create an unlikely trio that evolves into a chosen family.

WHEN: February 23, 7:30 p.m.
SITE: Academy Museum of Motion Pictures, 6067 Wilshire Blvd., LA
COST: \$10
SPONSOR: Academy Museum of Motion Pictures
INFO: academymuseum.org/en/programs/series/oscar-sundays

INUA ELLAMS

Award-winning poet and playwright Inua Ellams delivers a chaotic, audience-led poetry event. A unique interactive experience where the boundary between artist and audience blurs into an act of creation.

WHEN: March 8, 8:00 p.m.
SITE: The Nimoy, 1262 Westwood Blvd., LA
COST: Check the website for ticket prices
SPONSOR: Center for the Art of Performance UCLA
INFO: cap.ucla.edu/calendar

ART EVANS A CONVERSATION

Enjoy a conversation and Q&A with Art Evans as he tells his story in an intimate and candid conversation with friends. Learn about your favorite actors, television shows, and films; talk about everything from theatre to films, from auditions to writing scripts and songs to surviving Hollywood directly with your best-loved iconic figures.

WHEN: March 26, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
SITE: Willie Agee Playhouse, 600-698 N. Park Ave., Inglewood
COST: Check the website for ticket prices
SPONSOR: Inner City Cultural Center II
INFO: iccc2.wootick.com/#events

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32ND ANNUAL LOS ANGELES WOMEN'S THEATRE FESTIVAL

A weekend of events celebrating performances by female solo performers in drama, dance, and music. The festival also awards distinguished women of theatre.

- WHEN:** March 28 - 30
SITE: Theatre 68 Arts Complex, 5112 Lankershim Blvd, North Hollywood
COST: Check the website for tickets and show times
SPONSORS: Los Angeles Women's Theatre Festival; and, THE City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs
INFO: lawtf.org

MELANATED MOVIE NIGHT: BELOVED

Beloved, a film based on a book of the same name. In 1873 Ohio, Sethe is a mother of three haunted by her horrific slavery past and her desperate actions for freedom.

- WHEN:** March 29, 2:30 - 5:30 p.m.
SITE: Black Resource Center, 150 E. El Segundo Blvd., LA
COST: Free
SPONSORS: Black Resource Center; and, Friends of AC Bilbrew & Woodcrest Libraries
INFO: visit.lacountylibrary.org/event/11946402

GIL SCOTT-HERON BLUESOLOGY

Gil Scott-Heron Bluesology is a theatrical reinterpretation celebrating the musician's legacy, covering his influential work from 1970 to 2010. The production features spoken word artists who breathe new life into his powerful and enduring words. His daughter, Gia Scott-Heron, shares stories and memories, providing a unique authenticity that distinguishes this production from others.

- WHEN:** March 31, 7:30 p.m.
SITE: Willie Agee Playhouse, 600-698 North Park Ave., Inglewood
COST: \$30
SPONSOR: Inner City Cultural Center II
INFO: gilscottheronbluesology.com

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ROUTES OF ENSLAVEMENT IN THE AMERICAS

The Intra-American Slave Trade Database is a resource for the study of the African diaspora in the Americas. It documents the voyages that trafficked enslaved Africans. .

WHEN: Ongoing
SITE: Online at the University of California, Irvine
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Humanities Center, University of California, Irvine
INFO: humanities.uci.edu/routes-enslavement-americas

WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED IN 1619 - THE ORIGINS OF SLAVERY IN NORTH AMERICA

Three historians of slavery—one focused on slavery in colonial empires, one focused on captive experiences and health, and one focused on the introduction of African maritime culture—to wrestle with the question: What actually happened in 1619?

WHEN: Ongoing
SITE: Online at the University of California, Irvine
COST: Free
SPONSOR: University of California, Irvine, Latin American and Caribbean Studies Center
INFO: youtube.com/watch?v=ulrUrl-rtzM&t=3s

THE NEW SUBURBIA: HOW DIVERSITY REMADE SUBURBAN LIFE IN LOS ANGELES AFTER 1945

America's suburbs are undergoing significant transformation. The traditional view of suburbs as predominantly white, middle-class areas no longer reflects reality. This shift is especially evident in LA, where many suburbs have become majority-minority.

WHEN: Ongoing
SITE: Online from the Los Angeles City Historical Society
COST: Free
SPONSOR: The Los Angeles City Historical Society
INFO: youtube.com/watch?v=GDMZHW3b2iE

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CHASING THE “DIAMOND”: OCEAN MEMORY, THE BLACK PACIFIC & SLAVE TRADE ROUTES TO THE AMERICAS

In 1759, the Diamond sailed the Americas, embarking and disembarking human cargo as part of the slave trade. The ship serves as an entry point into a discussion of the movement of the enslaved to the Pacific Ocean and Caribbean Sea-bordered regions.

WHEN: Ongoing
SITE: Online at the University of California, Irvine
COST: Free
SPONSOR: University of California, Irvine, Latin American and Caribbean Studies Center
INFO: youtube.com/watch?v=WGePKYfKPgk

THE CALIFORNIA REPARATIONS TASK FORCE FINAL REPORT

California became the first state in the nation to form a Reparations Task Force to study and develop restitution proposals. In 2023, the committee released its final report with recommendations for how the state should atone for its history of racial violence.

WHEN: Ongoing
SITE: Online at the Hammer Channel
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Hammer Museum, UCLA
INFO: channel.hammer.ucla.edu/video/1845/the-california-reparations-task-force-final-report

A GREAT DAY IN SOUTH LA

Explore South LA's Black history on a guided 4-hour van tour. Visit iconic neighborhoods, hear untold stories, and support local businesses. For all ages.

WHEN: February 1, 10:00 a.m.
SITE: Tour Starts, 3860 S. Crenshaw Blvd. Suite 103, LA
COST: Check website for information
SPONSOR: A Great Day in South LA
INFO: agreatdayinsouthla.com

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LEIMERT PARK VILLAGE STREET FESTIVAL

Every weekend, enjoy live music, and food vendors. Bring your instruments for the outdoor Drum Circle Workshop on Sundays and jam sessions at the World Stage.

- WHEN:** February 1 - March 30, Saturdays and Sundays, 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
SITE: Leimert Park, 4343 Leimert Blvd, LA
COST: Free
SPONSORS: African Village Vendors Association; Inner City Cultural Center II; and, The Leimert Park Village Merchants Association
INFO: iccc2.wootick.com/events/leimert-park-village-street-festival-E80002631728320

CRENSHAW EAT AND SEE: FOOD AND SHOPPING TOUR

Explore South LA's cultural and culinary highlights. Enjoy a scenic drive through historic neighborhoods, followed by brunch, wine, and shopping.

- WHEN:** February 2, 11:00 a.m.
SITE: Tour Starts, 3860 S. Crenshaw Blvd. Suite 103, LA
COST: Check the website for ticket prices
SPONSOR: A Great Day in South LA
INFO: agreatdayinsouthla.com

WOMEN AND BOOKS DISCUSSING ONE OF OUR KIND BY NICOLA YOON

Jasmyn and King Williams move their family to Liberty, California. While King quickly embraces the community's wellness culture, Jasmyn struggles to fit in.

- WHEN:** February 4, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
SITE: West Hollywood Library - in person and online, 625 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood
COST: Free, register at the website for the Zoom link
SPONSORS: West Hollywood Library; the City of West Hollywood Women's Advisory Board, Women and Books Book Club
INFO: visit.lacountylibrary.org/event/12239449

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LAWYERS IN THE LIBRARY / ABOGADOS EN LA BIBLIOTECA

You can meet with an attorney for free to discuss foreclosure and debt collection issues. Walk-ins welcome.

WHEN: February 7, the first Friday of the month, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
SITE: Robert Louis Stevenson Branch Library, 803 Spence St., LA
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Public Counsel with the support of the Los Angeles Public Library
INFO: lapl.org/branches/rl-stevenson

EVENING BOOK CLUB: THE HOUSE OF EVE BY SADEQA JOHNSON

Fifteen-year-old Ruby Pearsall is on track to becoming the first in her family to attend college, but a taboo love affair threatens to pull her back down into the desperation that has been passed on to her.

WHEN: February 10, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
SITE: Manhattan Beach Library, 1320 Highland Ave., Manhattan Beach
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Manhattan Beach Library
INFO: visit.lacountylibrary.org/event/12045213

BOOK CLUB: REDWOOD COURT

A breathtaking debut about an unforgettable southern Black family, seen through the eyes of its youngest daughter as she comes of age. Mika Tabor, the family baby, learns important lessons from the people who raised her: her hardworking parents, her older sister, her retired grandparents, and the community of Redwood Court.

WHEN: February 22, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
SITE: Gardena Mayme Dear Library, 1731 W. Gardena Blvd., Gardena
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Gardena Mayme Dear Library
INFO: visit.lacountylibrary.org/event/12436551

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

Our Annual Black History Month Event features entertainment, culture awareness, speakers, a small business marketplace, and a fashion show.

WHEN: February 22, 12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m.
SITE: South Bay Pavilion Mall, 20700 Avalon Blvd., Carson
COST: Free
SPONSOR: South Bay Pavilion Mall
INFO: LASouthChamber.com

INSPIRING JOURNEYS: AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORIES

Join us for a day of celebration for African American Heritage Month. The lineup of speakers, workshops, entertainment, and family activities is sure to spark joy and insight. From health and wellness to genealogy and technology to arts and crafts for all ages, there is something for everyone. .

WHEN: February 22, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
SITE: Los Angeles Central Library, 630 W. 5th St., LA
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Los Angeles Central Library
INFO: lapl.org/branches/central-library

JAMES: A NOVEL BY PERCIVAL EVERETT

A discussion about Percival Everett's novel, *James*; a retelling of *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* from the perspective of Jim, an enslaved man. Jim overhears that he's going to be sold to a man in New Orleans and separated from his family. He flees to Jackson Island to plan his escape. Meanwhile, Huck Finn fakes his own death to escape his abusive father. The two meet and begin a dangerous journey down the Mississippi.

WHEN: February 22, 2:00 p.m.
SITE: Will & Ariel Durant Branch Library, 7140 W. Sunset Blvd., LA
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Will & Ariel Durant Branch Library
INFO: lapl.org/branches/durant

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BLACK RESOURCE CENTER BOOK CLUB

Join us as we discuss three titles: *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store*, *Attack from Within*, and *Lovely One*. You can pick up your copies in advance to read at your leisure. Please see the front desk staff to check out titles.

- WHEN:** February 22, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
SITE: Black Resource Center, 150 E. El Segundo Blvd., LA
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Black Resource Center
INFO: visit.lacountylibrary.org/event/12288565

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MUSEUMS & EXHIBITS

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SPIRIT OF THE ANCESTORS

This visual arts project was conceptualized and developed by the Watts Towers Arts Center Director, Rosie Lee Hooks, who commissioned 13 artists from the community to use shovels as a canvas to honor the legacy of our ancestors.

- WHEN:** Permanent Exhibition, Wednesdays – Fridays 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
SITE: Noah Purifoy Gallery & Charles Mingus Art Gallery,
1727 East 107th St., LA
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Watts Towers Arts Center
INFO: wattstowers.org/copy-of-exhibitions-2

JEAN-MICHEL BASQUIAT

An in-depth installation of Jean-Michel Basquiat features all 13 works by the artist in the Broad collection, including works on view for the first time: *Santo 2*, *Deaf*, and *Wicker*.

- WHEN:** Check website for details
SITE: Broad Museum, 221 S. Grand Ave., LA
COST: Free. Reserve tickets in advance at the website
SPONSOR: Broad Museum
INFO: thebroad.org/art

CELEBRATE AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH WITH MOVIES ON KANOPY AND HOOPLA

Stream films on Kanopy or Hoopla, both on-demand streaming film services. They both have an extensive library of African American cinema and documentaries that are free with your Los Angeles City or Los Angeles County library card.

- WHEN:** Ongoing
SITE: Online
COST: Free with your library card
SPONSORS: Los Angeles Public Library; and, Los Angeles County Library
INFO: kanopy.com/en/category/40898?frontend=kui
hoopladigital.com

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HIP-HOP/RAP CONVERSATIONS AT THE GRAMMY

In conjunction with the Grammy Museum's exhibit *Hip-Hop America: The Mixtape*, the museum was thrilled to host interviews with Tierra Whack, Don Toliver, Common, Pete Rock, and many others.

WHEN: Ongoing
SITE: Online at the Grammy Museum
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Grammy Museum
INFO: watch.grammymuseum.org/rap-hip-hop

BEHIND BARS: INCARCERATION IN THE WEST

This installation features some of the many forms incarceration has taken in the American West over time, in conversation with a new photo series taken in a California state prison by fine art photographer Pep Williams.

WHEN: Check website for details
SITE: Autry Museum of the American West, 4700 Western Heritage Way, Griffith Park, LA
COST: Adults - \$14, Students (with current ID) and Seniors (60+) - \$10, Children (3-12) - \$6
SPONSOR: Autry Museum of the American West
INFO: 323.667.2000
theautry.org/exhibitions

GRAMMY MUSEUM - COLLECTION

The Grammy Museum offers a variety of public programming so you can enjoy musicians and industry professionals in an intimate environment.

WHEN: Ongoing
SITE: Online at Grammy Museum
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Grammy Museum
INFO: watch.grammymuseum.org/collection-live-essentials-1

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THE INFLUENCE OF DJS ON HIP-HOP + THE ART OF SAMPLING

A conversation and live demo surrounding the influence of DJs on Hip-Hop and the Art of Sampling with DJ Khalil and Serato's Sonny James.

- WHEN:** Ongoing
SITE: Online at Grammy Museum
COST: Free
SPONSORS: Grammy Museum; and, Curren D. Price Jr. Councilmember, Ninth District
INFO: watch.grammymuseum.org/videos/the-influence-of-djs-on-hip-hop-the-art-of-sampling

MICHAEL JACKSON: THE THRILLER YEARS, 1982-1984

Michael Jackson's fashion sense has always been iconic. A display of original artifacts on loan from the Michael Jackson estate showcases memorable pieces.

- WHEN:** Check website for details
SITE: Grammy Museum, 800 W. Olympic Blvd., LA
COST: Check website for ticket prices
SPONSOR: Grammy Museum
INFO: grammymuseum.org/exhibits

THE WILLIAM GRANT STILL ARTS CENTER - 44TH ANNUAL BLACK DOLL SHOW

This year's theme invites visitors to journey through a magical world where Black folklore and fairytales are celebrated, woven together through the power of storytelling and art. The show is an homage to the oral tradition and its limitless possibilities.

- WHEN:** Through February 14, Tuesdays - Saturdays, 12 noon - 5:00 p.m.
SITE: William Grant Still Arts Center, 2520 S. West View St., LA
COST: Free
SPONSOR: William Grant Still Arts Center
INFO: wgsac.wordpress.com/the-44th-annual-black-doll-show

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FREE THE LAND! FREE THE PEOPLE!

A study of the abolitionist pod, as part of the *PST ART: Art & Science Collide*. This groundbreaking exhibition showcases CDM's innovative approach to addressing systemic issues through art, architecture, and science.

WHEN: Through February 15, Thursdays - Sundays 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
SITE: The Crenshaw Dairy Mart, 8629 Crenshaw Blvd., Inglewood
COST: Free
SPONSOR: The Crenshaw Dairy Mart
INFO: crenshawdairymart.com/exhibitions

HIP-HOP AMERICA: THE MIXTAPE EXHIBIT

This sprawling exhibit explores the profound impact and influence that hip-hop music and culture have had on the world since it burst forth in the Bronx 50 years ago. *The Mixtape Exhibit* delves deep into the sounds, scenes, and history of hip-hop music, dance, graffiti, fashion, business, and activism.

WHEN: Check website for details
SITE: Grammy Museum, 800 W. Olympic Blvd., LA
COST: Check the website for ticket prices
SPONSOR: Grammy Museum
INFO: grammymuseum.org/exhibit

WORLD WITHOUT END: THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER PROJECT

Carver was a pioneer of plant-based engineering and one of the nation's earliest proponents of sustainable agriculture. In the early 1900s, his seemingly radical ideas, are now recognized as the forerunners of modern conservation.

WHEN: Check website for details
SITE: California African American Museum, 600 State Dr., Exposition Park, LA
COST: Free
SPONSOR: California African American Museum
INFO: caamuseum.org/exhibitions

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KAOS THEORY: THE AFROKOSMIC MEDIA ARTS OF BEN CALDWELL

In 1984, Ben Caldwell opened KAOS Network, the media arts hub that has helped steward Leimert Park Village's traditions of Black artistry, fellowship, and love for over four decades. This multimedia exhibition explores Caldwell's varied practices and celebrates the creative life and communities of KAOS Network.

WHEN: Check website for details
SITE: California African American Museum, 600 State Dr., Exposition Park, LA
COST: Free
SPONSOR: California African American Museum
INFO: caamuseum.org/exhibitions

TATYANA FAZLALIZADEH: SPEAKING TO FALLING SEEDS

Fazlalizadeh is a Brooklyn-based interdisciplinary artist whose practice considers Black image making as a site of protest, contestation, affirmation, and possibility.

WHEN: Check website for details
SITE: California African American Museum, 600 State Dr., Exposition Park, LA
COST: Free
SPONSOR: California African American Museum
INFO: caamuseum.org/exhibitions

IMAGINING BLACK DIASPORAS: 21ST-CENTURY ART AND POETICS

This exhibit finds aesthetic connections among 60 artists working in Africa, Europe, and the Americas. The exhibition and its catalogue are among the first to examine nearly a quarter century of production by Black artists. The project debuts new acquisitions for LACMA and expands the Pan-African exhibition canon, historically focused on the Black Atlantic, by showcasing artists working along the Pacific Rim.

WHEN: Check website for details
SITE: Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA), 5905 Wilshire Blvd., LA
COST: Check the website for ticket prices
SPONSOR: Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA)
INFO: lacma.org/currentexhibitions

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RETRO BLAKESBERG: THE MUSIC NEVER STOPPED

Explore 30 years of music history through the lens of photographer Jay Blakesberg. The dynamic exhibit showcases multiple genres and iconic musicians, ranging from Snoop Dogg, B-40, and Bob Dylan to PJ Harvey, Pearl Jam, and the Grateful Dead.

WHEN:	Check website for details
SITE:	Grammy Museum, 800 W. Olympic Blvd., LA
COST:	Check website for ticket prices
SPONSOR:	Grammy Museum
INFO:	grammymuseum.org/exhibit

LUTHER VANDROSS: ARTISTRY AND ELEGANCE

Explore the extraordinary life and legacy of Luther Vandross, an eight-time Grammy winner, revered songwriter, arranger, producer, performer, and one of the most gifted vocalists in music history.

WHEN:	Check website for details
SITE:	Grammy Museum, 800 W. Olympic Blvd., LA
COST:	Check website for ticket prices
SPONSOR:	Grammy Museum
INFO:	grammymuseum.org/exhibit

SIGNIFICANT MOVIES AND MOVIEMAKERS

The *Boyz n the Hood* gallery explores the movie's groundbreaking depiction of Black life in South Central Los Angeles and its lasting impact on popular culture. It spotlights the cast and crew, showing the pivotal role the film played not only in their careers but also for a new generation of Black talent in Hollywood.

WHEN:	Check website for details
SITE:	Academy Museum of Motion Pictures, 6067 Wilshire Blvd., LA
COST:	Adults - \$25, Seniors (62+) - \$19, Students (18+ with current ID) - \$15, Children (17-) and Members - Free
SPONSOR:	Academy Museum of Motion Pictures
INFO:	academymuseum.org/en/exhibitions/boyz-n-the-hood

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EVENING FOR EDUCATORS - A FOCUS ON AFRO-BRAZILIAN ARTIST VITÓRIA CRIBB

Dive deeply into the fascinating work of Afro-Brazilian artist Vitória Cribb. In this session, we will discuss the confluence of physical and digital life, her work in AR, and how to use open-source 3D blenders for animated films.

WHEN: February 4, 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.
SITE: Museum of Latin American Art, 628 Alamitos Ave., Long Beach
COST: RSVP at the Website
SPONSOR: Museum of Latin American Art
INFO: molaa.org/evening-for-educators

ARTFEST - THE PAN AFRICAN FILM & ARTS FESTIVAL

The PAFF ArtFEST showcases over 100 established and emerging artists and craftspeople from around the world, focusing on artistic expressions rooted in Africa and its Diaspora.

WHEN: February 4 - 17, check website for times
SITE: Westfield Culver City Mall, 6000 Sepulveda Blvd., Culver City
COST: Free
SPONSORS: The Pan African Film & Arts Festival; The Los Angeles County Arts Commission; and City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs
INFO: paff.org/artfest

COMPTON ART & HISTORY MUSEUM

The museum opened to the public this year, just months after its two founders came together with a vision for the space. “We have archives from Compton from the 1960s and 1970s that the youth can now come and see without having to go to neighboring cities,” says Co-founder Marquell Byrd.

WHEN: February 4, Tuesdays - Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
SITE: Compton Art & History Museum, 306 W. Compton Blvd #104, Compton
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Compton Art & History Museum
INFO: youtube.com/watch?v=AYejXuSjVck&t=39s

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A WOMAN IN CHARGE

A one-woman show highlighting the cumulative work of Robin Strayhorn using various mediums. Strayhorn is a multidisciplinary artist residing in LA for the past 40 years. There will be an Artist Talk/Reception on February 9, check the website for details.

WHEN: February 5 - March 8, Wednesdays – Fridays, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
SITE: Watts Towers Arts Center, Noah Purifoy Gallery & Charles Mingus Art Gallery, 1727 East 107th St., LA
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Watts Towers Arts Center
INFO: wattstowers.org/copy-of-exhibitions-2

TELESCOPE NIGHT WITH SIDEWALK ASTRONOMERS

Come see the Moon, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn and Venus close-up through telescopes. Weather permitting, the Sidewalk Astronomers will set up telescopes outside the library for everyone to view the night sky. Bring your questions.

WHEN: February 6, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
SITE: Memorial Branch Library, 4625 W. Olympic Blvd., LA
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Memorial Branch Library
INFO: lapl.org/branches/memorial

LOS ANGELES' PIONEERING BLACK FIREFIGHTERS

Learn the history of LA's pioneering Black Firefighters! Join us for a conversation with the museum historian and Co-founder retired Fire Captain Brent Burton.

WHEN: February 9, 2:00 p.m.
SITE: African American Firefighter Museum, 1401 South Central Ave., LA
COST: Free, register at Eventbrite beginning January 2025
SPONSOR: African American Firefighter Museum
INFO: eventbrite.com/e/sundays-african-american-firefighter-museum-tickets-509975007977

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ALICE COLTRANE, MONUMENT ETERNAL

The exhibition is inspired by jazz musician, devotional leader, and mother Alice Coltrane. The title takes its name from her book *Monument Eternal* (1977), which reflected her newfound spiritual beliefs, the loss of her husband, and the path to self-discovery.

WHEN: February 9 - May 4, Tuesdays - Sundays, 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
SITE: Hammer Museum, 10899 Wilshire Blvd., LoA
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Hammer Museum
INFO: hammer.ucla.edu/exhibitions

MARÍA MAGDALENA CAMPOS-PONS: BEHOLD

Cuban-born Campos-Pons creates vivid works that explore the cultural and personal impacts of migration and memory. This 35-year survey highlights the connections between people and their environments, offering a rich, sensory experience.

WHEN: Feb. 11–May 4, 2025, check website for details
SITE: The Getty Center, 1200 Getty Center Dr., LA
COST: Free, Reserve tickets in advance at website
SPONSOR: The Getty Center
INFO: getty.edu/exhibitions

EVENING FOR EDUCATORS: BETYE SAAR AND ASSEMBLAGE ART WITH LAUREN CROSS

Learn about LA-based artist Betye Saar's assemblage art and discover how to integrate her work into your K-12 curriculum. Hear from curator Lauren Cross about Saar's recent installation at The Huntington. Explore her artistic process and the meaning behind the work, which speaks to racial oppression, mysticism, family, memory, and identity.

WHEN: February 18, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
SITE: The Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens - Online
COST: Free with registration
SPONSOR: The Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens
INFO: huntington.org/calendar

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BLACK EDUCATION EXPO

he Black Education Expo (BEE) is a family-friendly event designed to empower K-12 students and their families. With over 60 exhibitors, including colleges, libraries, and tech centers, the expo offers valuable resources for academic and personal success. Explore the BEE Teen Zone Powered by Intuit for Education, featuring workshops on entrepreneurship, scholarships, and financial literacy. Connect with education leaders and community organizations focused on student success.

WHEN:	February 22, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
SITE:	Magic Box at the Reef, 1933 S. Broadway, LA
COST:	Free
SPONSOR:	Black Education Expo
INFO:	blackeducationexpo.com

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CELEBRATE AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH WITH GREAT MUSIC

The Los Angeles Public Library and the Los Angeles County Library cards give you access to many resources, including two amazing online music collections. Freegal features unlimited songs and Hoopla lets you check out full albums.

WHEN:	Ongoing
SITE:	Online
COST:	Free
SPONSORS:	Los Angeles City Library; and, Los Angeles County Library
INFO:	hoopladigital.com freegalmusic.com

HONDA BATTLE OF THE HBCU BANDS

Honda Battle of the Bands has served as the blueprint for showcasing one of the most recognizable and celebrated examples of HBCU culture and tradition to the rest of the world. Check out the band lineup on the website.

WHEN:	February 1, 1:00 p.m.
SITE:	SoFi Stadium, 1001 S. Stadium Drive, Inglewood
COST:	Check the website for ticket prices
SPONSOR:	American Honda Motor Co, SoFi Stadium
INFO:	hondabattleofthebands.com

PACIFIC JAZZ ORCHESTRA WITH EVA NOBLEZADA

Pacific Jazz Orchestra (PJO) performs with Broadway and West End star Eva Noblezada. Following her rave performances in London's revivals of *Miss Saigon* and *Les Misérables*, she dazzled Broadway in *Hadestown* and is currently wowing audiences as Daisy in the new Broadway musical adaptation of *The Great Gatsby*.

WHEN:	February 1, 8:00 p.m.
SITE:	The Soraya, 18111 Nordhoff St., Northridge
COST:	Check the website for ticket prices
SPONSOR:	Younes and Soraya Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts
INFO:	thesoraya.org/en/whats-on-search

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IMANI WINDS

Recent Grammy-winning wind ensemble Imani Winds performs. With over 25 years of captivating audiences, they present dynamic performances and imaginative programming.

WHEN: February 1, 7:30 p.m.
SITE: Broad Stage, 1310 11th St., Santa Monica
COST: Check the website for ticket price
SPONSOR: Broad Stage
INFO: broadstage.org/2425-season

JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER PRESENTS NEW ORLEANS SONGBOOK

Jazz at Lincoln Center brings the soul of New Orleans and the spirit of Mardi Gras to this amazing evening, celebrating the composers and inspired songs of the Crescent City,

WHEN: February 1, 8:00 p.m.
SITE: Luckman Fine Arts Complex, 5151 State University Dr., LA
COST: Check the website for ticket prices
SPONSOR: The Luckman
INFO: theluckman.org/category/events

LAKECIA BENJAMIN & PHOENIX

One of the most sought-after and revered saxophonists of her generation, Lakecia Benjamin, was nominated for three 2024 Grammy Awards. Benjamin is known for her charisma and ability to fuse jazz, hip-hop, and soul. This intimate onstage Jazz Club performance will be highlighted with selections from her four studio albums performed by her quartet, Phoenix.

WHEN: February 5 - 6, 8:00 p.m.
SITE: The Soraya, 18111 Nordhoff St., Northridge
COST: Check the website for ticket prices
SPONSOR: Younes and Soraya Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts
INFO: thesoraya.org/en/whats-on-search

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SAMARA JOY

Samara Joy sings with a young person's passion and an experienced artist's wisdom. Her refined, distinctive style has been compared to Sarah Vaughan, Billie Holiday, and Ella Fitzgerald—all legends who also recorded for Verve Records.

WHEN: February 7, 8:00 p.m.
SITE: Walt Disney Concert Hall, 111 S. Grand Ave., LA
COST: Check the website for ticket price
SPONSOR: Los Angeles Philharmonic Association
INFO: laphil.com/events/performances

CHRISTIAN MCBRIDE & URSA MAJOR

Revered master of the upright bass, Christian McBride is also the foremost master of finding new talent and surrounding himself with young musicians. Jazz Club audiences have a rare opportunity to be up close with the acclaimed bandleader, composer, and educator alongside his fresh crop of next-gen superstars.

WHEN: February 7 - 8, 8:00 p.m.
SITE: The Soraya, 18111 Nordhoff St., Northridge
COST: Check the website for ticket prices
SPONSOR: Younes and Soraya Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts
INFO: thesoraya.org/en/whats-on-search

JASON MORAN

Moran's fourth Soraya appearance celebrates the Duke's enduring legacy and his 125th birthday. The year-long tour started at the Kennedy Center. Moran has invited the CSUN Jazz "A" band to join him, pairing the timeless music with iconic images of Ellington from photographer Gordon Parks.

WHEN: February 13, 8:00 p.m.
SITE: The Soraya, 18111 Nordhoff St., Northridge
COST: Check the website for ticket prices
SPONSOR: Younes and Soraya Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts
INFO: thesoraya.org/en/whats-on-search

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COLBURN PRESENTS: ADRIAN DUNN SINGERS

Adrian Dunn, Colburn's Director of Choral Programs, leads a joyous musical celebration featuring a capella spirituals and original compositions for the chorus. The program will be performed by the Adrian Dunn Singers, an all-Black professional ensemble.

WHEN: February 15, 7:00 p.m.
SITE: Zipper Hall, 200 S. Grand Ave., LA
COST: Check the website for ticket prices
SPONSOR: Colburn School
INFO: colburnschool.edu/calendar

SHAMEL PITTS | TRIBE

Black Hole—Trilogy and Triathlon is the final part of Shamel Pitts' BLACK Series triptych, brought to life by the Brooklyn-based arts collective TRIBE. This multidisciplinary performance, enriched by Afrofuturism, weaves together dance, sound, video, and light into a narrative celebrating vitality, tenderness, and the power of unity and progress.

WHEN: February 15, 8:00 p.m.
SITE: Glorya Kaufman Dance Theater, Kaufman Hall, 120 Westwood Plaza, LA
COST: Check the website for ticket prices
SPONSOR: Center for the Art Performance UCLA
INFO: cap.ucla.edu/calendar

TERRI LYNE CARRINGTON + SOCIAL SCIENCE

Grammy-Award winner, drummer, and composer Terri Lyne Carrington blends jazz, indie rock, and hip-hop with her multi-talented sextet Social Science. This fresh ensemble thoughtfully confronts urgent social and societal issues through a suite of powerful compositions.

WHEN: February 15, 7:30 p.m.
SITE: Broad Stage, 1310 11th St., Santa Monica
COST: Check the website for ticket price
SPONSOR: Broad Stage
INFO: broadstage.org/2425-season

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KURT ELLING CELEBRATES WEATHER REPORT

A double bill featuring two debuts! The Yellowjackets bring four decades and headline status to open the evening. Kurt Elling reimagines Weather Report tunes with original band member Peter Erskine.

WHEN: February 15, 8:00 p.m.
SITE: The Soraya, 18111 Nordhoff St., Northridge
COST: Check the website for ticket prices
SPONSOR: Younes and Soraya Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts
INFO: thesoraya.org/en/whats-on-search

AT WAR WITH OURSELVES - 400 YEARS OF YOU - KRONOS QUARTET & TONALITY

The performance features a text by poet Nikky Finney inspired by her 2013 poem *The Battle of and for the Black Face Boy*. The music was composed by Michael Abels, composer for the Jordan Peele films *Us* and *Get Out*. A powerful new work.

WHEN: February 15, 7:30 p.m.
SITE: Bram Goldsmith Theater at the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts, 9390 N. Santa Monica Blvd., Beverly Hills
COST: Check the website for ticket price
SPONSOR: The Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts
INFO: thewallis.org/season2425

CIRQUE KALABANTÉ

Afrique en Cirque, by Yamoussa Bangoura, is inspired by daily life in Guinea. A colorful show beyond its scenery, costumes, and staging — it showcases the strength and agility required to perform its gravity-defying acts. Accompanied by live music.

WHEN: February 16, 6:00 p.m.
SITE: Luckman Fine Arts Complex, 5151 State University Dr., LA
COST: Check the website for ticket prices
SPONSOR: The Luckman
INFO: theluckman.org/category/events

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CHUCHO VALDÉS: IRAKERE 50

Irakere lives again with two of its original band members, legends without equal – Chucho Valdés and Arturo Sandoval. Few American venues today can compare to The Soraya's history celebrating the musical greatness of Cuba.

WHEN: February 20, 8:00 p.m.
SITE: The Soraya, 18111 Nordhoff St., Northridge
COST: Check the website for ticket prices
SPONSOR: Younes and Soraya Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts
INFO: thesoraya.org/en/whats-on-search

LULA WASHINGTON DANCE THEATRE: CULTURE, HERITAGE, AND RESILIENCE THROUGH DANCE

A dynamic program that honors the legacy of Black dance pioneers while showcasing new works by visionary choreographers. The evening promises to be a deeply moving and uplifting celebration of African American history and resilience through dance.

WHEN: February 23, 7:00 p.m.
SITE: Lula Washington Dance Theatre, 3773 Crenshaw Blvd., LA
COST: Check the website for ticket prices
SPONSOR: Lula Washington Dance Theatre
INFO: lulawashington.org/performances-tickets/events

CHA WA

Cha Wa offers a vibrant celebration of New Orleans' heritage. *My People* reflects Described by PopMatters as “a grand gumbo of singing, intoxicating rhythms, and deep funk grooves,” Cha Wa's music captures the unstoppable energy of New Orleans.

WHEN: March 1, 8:00 p.m.
SITE: The Nimoy, 1262 Westwood Blvd., LA
COST: Check the website for ticket prices
SPONSOR: Center for the Art of Performance, UCLA
INFO: cap.ucla.edu/calendar

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MAHLERTHON: PART ONE

Youth ensembles from across Los Angeles celebrate Gustav Mahler's legacy with a marathon of his music.

WHEN: March 2, 12:00 noon - 3:30 p.m.
SITE: Walt Disney Concert Hall, 111 S. Grand Ave., LA
COST: Check the website for ticket price
SPONSOR: Los Angeles Philharmonic Association
INFO: laphil.com/events/performances

TO THE FULLEST: THE MUSIC OF JULIUS EASTMAN AND ARTHUR RUSSELL

The music of legendary collaborators Julius Eastman and Arthur Russell is singular and boundless. This intrapersonal endeavoring is matched externally with musical structures that create profound belonging.

WHEN: March 4, 8:00 p.m.
SITE: Walt Disney Concert Hall, 111 S. Grand Ave., LA
COST: Check the website for ticket price
SPONSOR: Los Angeles Philharmonic Association
INFO: laphil.com/events/performances

HARLEM QUARTET WITH ALDO LÓPEZ-GAVILÁN

Grammy Award-winning Harlem Quartet and Cuban pianist and composer Aldo López-Gavilán perform. The pianist shares a special bond with the quartet as the brother of violinist Ilmar Gavilán. This collaboration promises a joyously energetic concert that you don't want to miss.

WHEN: March 15, 7:30 p.m.
SITE: Broad Stage, 1310 11th St., Santa Monica
COST: Check the website for ticket price
SPONSOR: Broad Stage
INFO: broadstage.org/2425-season

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ANGEL BLUE IN CONCERT

Grammy Award-winning soprano Angel Blue is renowned for her captivating voice and performances in iconic operatic roles, including Violetta in *La Traviata*, Bess in *Porgy and Bess*, and Mimí in *La Bohème*. She debuted as Musetta in LA Opera's 2007 production of *La Bohème* and later performed the same role at Teatro alla Scala in Milan in 2015.

WHEN: March 15, 7:30 p.m.
SITE: Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, 135 N. Grand Ave., LA
COST: Check the website for ticket prices
SPONSOR: Los Angeles Opera
INFO: laopera.org/performances

REV'S ROOTS REVIVAL WITH BEAUCOUP BRASS BAND

Mardi Gras-meets-blackbox! Experience an evening of roots music, circus performance, and joyful blues at The Rev's Roots Revival. The LA-based Beaucoup Brass Band will join the Rev, who pays homage to the lively New Orleans jazz tradition.

WHEN: March 22, 8:00 p.m.
SITE: Broad Stage, 1310 11th St., Santa Monica
COST: Check the website for ticket price
SPONSOR: Broad Stage
INFO: broadstage.org/2425-season

HERBIE HANCOCK

One of the most inventive artists in the history of American music, the brilliant and always-innovating Herbie Hancock returns for a night of freewheeling, thought-provoking, mind-expanding, galactic-traveling jazz, and funk.

WHEN: March 30, 7:30 p.m.
SITE: Walt Disney Concert Hall, 111 S. Grand Ave., LA
COST: Check the website for ticket price
SPONSOR: Los Angeles Philharmonic Association
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